

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of treating a patient with amyotrophic lateral  
5 sclerosis, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) administering to a patient with amyotrophic lateral  
sclerosis an effective amount of soluble Fcγ receptors, wherein  
said soluble Fcγ receptors bind to immunoglobulins in said patient  
to treat amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

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2. The method of claim 1, wherein said soluble Fcγ receptors  
are FcγRIII receptors.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said immunoglobulins are  
15 immunoglobulins G of under-class 1 (IgG1) and/or 3 (IgG3).

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said Fcγ receptors are  
administered at a concentration of between 10 and 60 μmol.

20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said administering is by  
infusion or injection.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said soluble Fcγ receptors  
binds to IgG1 to block FcγRIII receptor activity.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein said soluble Fcγ receptors  
binds to IgG3 to block FcγRIII receptor activity.